

1965

ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO UNIT HISTORY
562D TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (STAGING AREA)
1 JANUARY 1965 TO 31 DECEMBER 1965

The major event of the year 1965 for the 562nd Transportation Company (Staging Area) was a Permanent Change of Station with an overseas deployment from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to Okinawa during late November and early December.

For the most part company duties during 1965 consisted of usual organizational and mission type commitments. In January and February the 562nd Transportation Company provided mess support for the 2d Region, U.S. Army Air Defense Command Annual Small Arms Tournament conducted at Fort Campbell. Recognition of the excellent quality of this support was made in a letter of commendation from Major General James R. Winn, Commanding General, 2d Region, ARADCOM. Indorsements were made through the chain of command by Lieutenant General C.W.G. Rich, Commanding General, Third U.S. Army, Major General B.E. Powell, Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell and Lieutenant Colonel Charles H. Whitley, Commanding Officer, 7th Transportation Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

From March through May the company provided mess and billets for participants in the 1965 Army Boxing Trials held at Fort Campbell. Again the unit won praise for the excellence of its support. Major General J.C. Lambert, the Adjutant General, U.S. Army, cited the outstanding individual efforts of SFC Henry Smith and SSgt William F. Scanlon, both of the 562nd Transportation Company.

On 22 July 1965 under the provisions of General Order Number 204, Headquarters, 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, the 562nd Transportation Company was relieved from its attachment to the 7th Transportation Battalion (Truck) and attached to Headquarters, Special Troops at Fort Campbell.

In early September the unit was relieved from its attachment to Special Troops and reattached to the 7th Transportation Battalion. (Orders on this reattachment to the 7th Transportation Battalion are not available).

In September the company was alerted for a Permanent Change of Station for overseas deployment to Okinawa. After two months of preparation the unit departed Fort Campbell and CONUS on 29 November. The company moved from CONUS aboard the USNS General John Pope arriving in Okinawa on 14 December.

Upon its arrival on Okinawa the 562d Transportation Company was assigned to Headquarters, Fort Buckner effective 14 December 1965 under General Orders Number 280, Headquarters U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands. Further assignment of the unit was made effective 14 December 1965 to Headquarters, Special Troops, Fort Buckner with Special Instructions that the unit would be attached to the Office of the S-3, Fort Buckner for staff supervision and operational control. This further assignment was under General Order Number 27, Headquarters Fort Buckner dated 17 December 1965.

During the entire year 1965 the 562d Transportation Company (Staging Area) was under the command of Captain Robert C. Morrison, Transportation Corps.

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